

RCPsych Extraordinary General Meeting (Special Meeting)

28 November 2022 3.15 - 4.15pm

Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held face-to-face at 21 Prescot Street on Monday 28 November chaired by Dr Adrian James, Honorary President. There were 18 members in attendance. All members present were eligible to vote.

Resolution

The Meeting was held to consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Bye Laws as set out in the notice to the meeting to allow for virtual meetings of the College for Annual and other General Meetings. Members were asked to vote on this single motion as currently the College Bye Laws state that all AGMs and EGMs must be held face-to-face.

The proposal was put forward by the President, having consulted with the Honorary Officers and Council and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, to allow the College to hold virtual general meetings, as a matter of course, in perpetuity. The proposal was seconded by Professor Subodh Dave, Honorary Dean.

Background

The President summarised the circumstances that had led to this Special Meeting. The Honorary Officers considered it critical for the College as an inclusive organisation to enable its members to join meetings virtually so as not to exclude those unable to attend face-to-face.

Vote

A two-thirds majority of everyone entitled to vote in attendance was required. Voting took place by a show of hands and the results were as follows:

- 18 members voted in favour of the proposal.
- No members voted against.
- No members abstained.

The President thanked the Chief Executive and staff team who had supported this year's AGM and Special Meetings.

